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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 19, 2011**

The meeting was opened by acting President, Pat Narcisi, with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance led by Vickie Donnelly.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon, Donnelly, Narcisi, Powell. Also present were Dilmore, Solicitor Megan Ott, Shawn Rosensteel, Police Chief Kokoski, Tax Collector, Ed Klicker and Judith Brogan. Absent: Lloyd, Repp, Sefick, and Mayor Haslett.

No Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

Cortese moved “to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 21, 2011.”

Powell seconded

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Dilmore stated that he received the contract and agreement papers from AIM on the roof loan. AIM thoughts were discussed at the Finance meeting and are on the table for tonight’s meeting.**
- **Letter from Penn State University and Engaging Pittsburgh Group asking Avalon Borough to join Bellevue and Ben Avon with the Tri Boros Zoning Commission to form a Shade Tree Commission. This is on the table to be discussed tonight.**
- **Letter from the Northgate Quarterback Club regarding an ad for the 2011 program.**
- **Letter from the Solicitor on a property reassessment and guidance on her method of procedures.**

VISITORS:

Denise Schmidt, owner of 609 N. Birmingham Avenue stated that she came to her first Council meeting about a year ago to discuss the horrible condition of the Norwood Avenue steps. She has been to a few Council meetings since then, but has not been given an answer as to why the steps are not repaired. She stated that she spoke with Harry Dilmore in early spring and he told her that she didn't get any answer because she has not been to a Council meeting. She stated that she is not aware that you must attend a Council meeting in order to get things accomplished in the Borough.

She stated that she was told that the contract to repair the steps had been cancelled and she demanded to know why. She also wants to know when the work will be done.

She is unable to rent her building because the steps are a hazard and potential renters are not interested because of the steps and the risk that emergency vehicles cannot access the property.

She stated that she asked Harry Dilmore if she has to attend the Council meetings to get things done and he stated "no, you don't have to do that." But at the next Council meeting the contract was disintegrated.

She then stated that Harry Dilmore told her via email told her that the Department of Public Works was going to repair the steps.

She stated that last winter a resident used the rail and fell and dropped her child. (no serious injuries) The only work done on the steps, which are Borough Property, was to have the DPW shore up the railing. Her question is "Why was the contract cancelled? What does Avalon Borough intend to do with "their" property that is a safety hazard and in definite need of repair and has been at the attention of the Borough since at least 2006?"

Dixon asked her do you have this property up for rent and are making money on it? She stated that she cannot rent it because of the steps.

Dixon asked if renting the property was the idea of buying it and she stated that it was not. She stated that she bought the property in order

to have a home she could afford on her income and she lived there until four (4) years ago when she got married.

Dixon stated that his point is that the Borough property allows her access to her property so she can collect the rent on it. She disagreed; saying that the Borough agreed that the walkway and steps are the only access to the property and needs to be repaired. She stated that if she had a sidewalk that needed to be repaired, she would be fined if it wasn't done and she wants the Borough to do their share.

She complained about the Borough making her have rental inspections and she is always within the safety codes and now she cannot sell or rent her property.

Donnelly stated that she believes that the owner of a property should be responsible for providing access to their property or perhaps eliminating the steps altogether. There was some argumentative discussion and Ms. Schmidt stated that she was told "many, many things about this problem and none of them are true."

Narcisi stated that the contract was cancelled because the Borough doesn't have the money at this time to pay for the work.

Narcisi stated that the Borough wants to repair the steps but is limited by the lack of funds. After further argument from Ms. Schmidt, Narcisi stated that no one is out to get her. Ms. Schmidt stated asked why she is held to a higher standard than the Borough when it comes to property repair and upkeep. She argued further and Narcisi again stated that they are trying to address her problem and she asked why it has taken so long – since 2006 – to get this done.

Ms. Schmidt asked why she has to pay a garbage bill if she is short of funds but the Borough is not held to the same standard.

After further argument between Donnelly and Ms. Schmidt, Narcisi took control of the meeting, stating that the Borough is now held to higher standards by the state. There are new laws that govern how the repairs and replacements are to be done. He asked her to be patient. The Borough will make the necessary repairs and she asked "when?" Narcisi stated that he could not give her a definite date and she asked if

she has to come to all of the Council meetings to find out when this will be done. Narcisi stated that she does not need to do that but she argued and stated that Dilmore told her (to her face when she was paying her trash bill) that she has to attend the meetings to get things done.

Narcisi stated that although it is not mandatory for her to attend the meetings, it is the best way to make sure her voice is heard.

Ms. Schmidt stated that Council is telling her that the problem is being worked on and she wants to know what is being done. Donnelly stated that the cost is so high to repair the steps because of the new laws.

Dilmore stated that the cost to replace the steps is \$100,000 and he has applied for grants three times. The problem is that there is limited access from the people on the hill. Ms. Schmidt asked if he tried doing a survey when the residents are home so he can get an accurate account of how many people would benefit by these repairs.

Dilmore stated that he does not make the rules and the grants are based on things he has no control over.

Dilmore stated that the \$10,000 would only fix the section from the top of Norwood to just below her house.

Ms. Schmidt asked why the Borough is not doing the snow removal and Dilmore stated there was a miscommunication and he has corrected it.

She stated that there are overgrown weeds growing over to her property and the Borough is supposed to take care of that too and they are not. She has sprayed the weeds but it is not her responsibility to take care of Borough property. When was the last time the Crew cut the grass there?

Bernstein stated that there will be no decision made regarding her concerns at this meeting. He stated that "there are committee meetings she can attend and if you have misinformed previous to this point, I apologize to you." The Committees that exist are all public meetings and there is a street Committee and that who originally informed Council of the problem. Ms. Schmidt argued that was incorrect but Bernstein again stated that it was the Street Committee that started the

process and made Council aware of the problem. He stated that he can appreciate her concerns about the other issues she raised, especially her communications with Harry, and any other issues she may have and his suggestion is to revisit these issues at the proper Committees. He stated that she can get a calendar of the meetings at the Administrative office.

He stated that the Committees will work together to address her concerns.

Cortese stated that she does not have to attend any meetings. The only reason the steps are not done is because the Borough ran out of money. The only thing left to do is to get Rob Powell, who chairs the Finance Committee to find the money and the steps will get done. We are aware of the problem and until we get the money, nothing can be done. When they get the money, Cortese stated that he will put the motion on the floor to get the work done.

Powell thanked Cortese for putting it on him but he promised to look into where they can get the money. If he finds the money, he will let Cortese know when he can put the motion on the floor.

Jackie Yurkovich of 649 Grandview Avenue thanked Ralph Cortese for getting umbrellas for the concession stand. She stated that this has made it more comfortable for everyone and with new families coming to the pool, the umbrellas are really appreciated.

She also reminded Council about the two streets that are going to be closed for the two block parties.

Dilmore stated that everything is in place for this and the Borough Crew will drop off the wooden horses.

Jackie asked about the electric company that spoke at the meeting a few months ago that offered lower rates. She would like information from this company to compare it to other offers she is receiving.

Bernstein will get the information to her as soon as possible.

Dixon reminded her that the company she is asking about is a Broker and not an electric company, stating there is a difference.

Dilmore stated that the Borough has been using this company and there is a significant savings although it has only been a few months.

Jeffrey Marous, 320 California Avenue asked about the streets that Columbia Gas tore up and he is glad to see that the gas company has started the work but they left some areas unfinished.

Dilmore stated that the gas company actually paved more than was agreed upon and Marous asked who will do the rest of the work. Dilmore stated that the gas company is not done yet and the rest of the work will be done as soon as the gas company's work is completed. Moruse stated there are large holes that need to be repaired before winter. Dilmore stated that it will be done when the gas company completes their work.

MAYOR:

NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Shawn Rosensteel will give his report on the West Bellevue Road Project tonight.**
- **Dilmore had the interview for the AIM loan for ht roof at the fire house. The paper work is ready and a motion is scheduled for tonight's meeting to approve the loan application.**
- **Council may need to meet with the Committee for the Teamsters negotiations. Letter was sent to the Teamsters with the negotiating team member's names and the dates Council suggested. Council should meet before the negotiations because there are options to be considered and the old contract should be studied. This should be done before the second week of August.**

Narcisi asked who is on the Committee and Dilmore stated that the members are Narcisi, Lloyd, Powell and Repp.

SOLICITOR:

Megan Ott stated that she reviewed the car Ordinance for Avalon Borough and compared it to the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code. There are two options in which the Borough can pursue action against violators. The first is the Borough Ordinance. It covers the nuisance law and she made recommendations which should answer any questions Council may have. The second option is the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code which allows the police to take action. This would involve giving notice to steps that would allow the police to take action.

Cortese stated “we all know what this is after - if a business can take their own cars and park them in front of a resident’s house. We know this is a business doing this...does that mean we have to go to a resident’s house and cite them instead of towing it (the car) away?”

Megan stated there is a zoning violation and the officer can send a notice telling the owner that there will be a fine if the car is not moved within a certain amount of time. The second option is the Ordinance which covers the nuisance law as stated and the third option is the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code which allows the police to go after the owner of the vehicle. She recommends using all three options.

Powell asked if putting a written notice on the windshield of the vehicle would be within their options and Megan stated that it would be within the Motor Vehicle Code.

Police Chief Kokoski stated that there is an officer that knows this law thoroughly. Kokoski stated that his officer told him that you cannot tow a car without written notice because that is seizing someone’s property. The vehicle may be moved in the case of an emergency.

The police must give a ten (10) day notice and wait for a reply. If they don’t reply, you must send a certified letter and wait for a reply. Then a letter must be sent to Penn Dot and wait for a reply.

Kokoski stated that there is no Ordinance that can change the state law and the steps he laid out are state law requirements.

Megan stated that she thinks it is worth sending a letter first and then go from there. It may serve the purpose and be all that is needed. The Borough can certainly follow up with the other options if needed.

Donnelly asked if the owner of the cited vehicle would have to go to a local district court or do they have to go the state.

Donnelly stated that taking the owner to the local court could help because if the car is not properly insured or if the owner doesn't have a license or if the car is in poor condition, the magistrate could tell them to get rid of the car.

Kokoski stated that he has one officer that is designated to the job of ticketing and following through with the violators, but the problem does not them to take immediate action if the state law requires otherwise.

Megan stated that she has been looking into various Library "stuff" for the Borough.

She also has been working with Harry Dilmore concerning the commercial status and the increased tax assessment for the Metowers.

She is also looking into the Kersting litigation and will report to Harry.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Shawn Rosensteel reported on the West Bellevue Road Project stating that there was a delay in getting the equipment on site but he has been assured that the equipment will be there within the next two weeks and the project will still be within the time frame as per the contract.

FINANCE:

Powell moved:

"to approve Ordinance No. 1333 for the 1st and 2nd reading, increasing the indebtedness of Avalon Borough in the amount of \$70,000 with the Allegheny County Authority For Improvements In Municipalities."

Dilmore read:

“AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE INDEBTEDNESS OF AVALON BOROUGH, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, PENNSYLVANIA, THE ISSUE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING GARAGE ROOF; FIXING THE FORM, NUMBER, DATE, INTEREST AND MATURITY THEREOF; MAKING A COVENANT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT SERVICE OF THE NOTE; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY FOR THE NOTE, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, SALE AND DELIVERY THEREOF.

Powell moved “to have the Secretary pay off the Tan Loan when the funds are appropriately transferred.”

CARRIED

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted.”

CARRIED

Donnelly 2nd

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report of June 21, 2011 as submitted.”

CARRIED

Donnelly 2nd

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report dated May 27, 2011 as submitted.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

CARRIED

Donnelly 2nd

Dixon asked why the Borough paid \$425.00 to E&R Automotive to fix the window on a DPW truck. Why didn't the DPW go to the junk yard and buy a window and fix it themselves.

Also, “why are we (the Borough) giving this guy any business at all when we are trying to get him to comply with the cars and stuff and why are we still sticking money into the DPW truck when they don't even need this truck.”

And, why do we need a skid steer at a cost of \$1500.00 when we have access to the gas company equipment.

Dilmore stated that he did not approve any repairs on the truck for the DPW but the crew saw a need and took care of it. Dixon stated that he has a truck and if it needs repaired he goes to the junk yard and fixes it himself and the crew should do the same.

Dilmore asked if Dixon does not want the Borough taking any of the vehicles to E&R Automotive and Dixon stated that if we are hurting for money why give them any business. We should be doing it ourselves.

Donnelly asked if it is possible to turn the damage over to the insurance company and Dilmore stated that in most cases, the deductible is more than the repairs.

Donnelly asked Dixon how much the scrubber for the fire hall cost and Dixon stated that Council approved it months ago and it still isn't paid for or received.

Dilmore stated that the check was mailed on June 20th and cashed on June 23rd. He suggested that Dixon ask at the fire hall to see if they got the scrubber.

Dixon asked Donnelly how the cost of the scrubber has any effect on his question. A heated argument ensued and Narcisi called the meeting to order, telling Council members to allow each other to speak and to be civil to each other.

Narcisi stated that he received a call from the fire chief, Bill Carney, and he told Narcisi that the scrubber is in and at the fire hall.

Narcisi asked for a vote on Powell's motion to pay the list of bills. The motion was...

CARRIED

Powell moved "to exonerate the Tax Collector, Ed Klicker, from collecting any and all earned income taxes and directing him to turn over any and all monies already collected for said taxes to Keystone Collections, effective July 22, 2011.

CARRIED

Cortese asked why we are giving Keystone the money if it is ours. If Ed collected it why turn it over to Keystone.

Klicker explained that this was already discussed in June and possibly in July with Council. There has to be a cut off date where he no longer accepts payments for past years. If the residents continue to send payments to his office, he will send them to Keystone for posting.

Klicker stated that he will continue to work on the wage tax thru September.

Cortese thanked him for explaining it.

Dixon asked if we went with Keystone earlier than required so there would be more time to do what he is doing now. Klicker stated that is correct. He stated that the Borough has been receiving money from his office and from Keystone since January. There have been some bumps in the road but we have time to work it out.

Narcisi asked if there are any more questions on this motion at which time the motion was voted on and...

CARRIED

Powell moved "to accept Resolution No. 1076 authorizing the execution of a note pursuant to Ordinance No. 1033."

Donnelly 2nd

Dixon asked Dilmore about the plumbing problem at the fire hall and Dilmore stated that Bauer Plumbing is working on the line they were having trouble with and then the roof would be done. He stated that the floor seemed more important at this time but the roof would also be done.

Dixon asked about the \$70,000 being used for the drainage problem and Dilmore stated that the money has not been received yet but the problem will be solved.

Donnelly asked if there should be a roll call vote and was told that is not necessary for a Resolution.

Narcisi called for a vote and the motion was...

CARRIED

SAFETY:

NO REPORT

STREETS:

NO REPORT

PROPERTY:

NO REPORT

HEALTH:

Dixon reported that the County is giving free smoke alarms for home owners who live in the home. If you have alarms that are ten (10) years old or more they will replace them and install them. You must call the County for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Dixon stated that he has some questions on a bill from Chester Engineering concerning work that was completed in 2010. First, he wants to know who Jessica Antel is, second, this is for work that was done on July 27, 2010 and faxed from somewhere to State Pipe on March 8, 2011 and again to Chester Engineering on or about March 15, 2011 who then sent it to Harry Dilmore stating that State Pipe is requesting payment.

Dixon asked why this bill has not been paid or is it wrapped up with the West Bellevue Road Project that is going on now?

Dilmore stated that it is wrapped up with the current work being done, and when the work was completed, State Pipe submitted the bill to Chester Engineering instead of Avalon Borough and Jessica Antel is the Engineer at Chester Engineering who was in charge of that project.

The bill Dixon has in front of him to sign is Avalon's share and will be paid when the project is complete.

CORP/PLANNING:

Bernstein moved to appoint Tom Demongone to a three (3) year term as chair with the vice chair to remain open, Rae Fisher to a one (1) year term and Bernstein to a 2 year term.

Donnelly 2nd

Cortese asked what they plan to do with the chair people that were appointed in 2009. Bernstein stated that there weren't any members appointed to the Executive Board of the Friends of the Library.

Cortese stated there were members appointed and stressed that he worked with those members to obtain the 501-C from the state.

Bernstein again stated that he is unaware of this and Megan Ott suggested that the motion should be tabled until further information can be obtained and the chair members' appointment can be worked out.

Bernstein moved to table his motion until the Solicitor and Bernstein can look into the matter.

Donnelly 2nd

Donnelly suggested asking the current board members to resign so new board members can be appointed.

Narcisi stated that it is already table pending research by the Solicitor and Bernstein.

Bernstein thanked Connie Rankin and Ed Klicker for a spectacular celebration for the 4th of July. Their hard work was enjoyed by many people this year.

Bernstein stated that the Local Government Academy held a meeting at the Borough Hall at which he was a speaker. The topic was Social Media Practices. He stated that the Facebook page he has posted is growing and they currently have 12,000 viewings.

He stated that one good thing that came out of the meeting was to recognize the need to have good policy and language practices.

INTER-BORO:

Donnelly stated has a QVCOG meeting coming up on Wednesday. She will report back to Council in August. They also discussed the DB-37 update but there is nothing definite at this time.

Donnelly moved to participate in a multi-media shade tree commission with Bellevue-Ben Avon to promote the green infrastructure and give efficient use of resources in our communities.

Powell 2nd

Dixon asked how much it is going to cost the Borough. There was a heated argument and Narcisi took control of the meeting and asked Donnelly to explain her motion.

Donnelly stated that in order to get funding for the greenery, a commission must be formed. She asked Dilmore to explain what he knows of this plan.

Dilmore stated that Avalon had a Shade Tree Commission in the past but no one wanted to serve on it. It seems now that the County has sent letters to the three communities asking them to participate. At this point that is all he knows about it.

Narcisi asked for a vote and the motion was...

CARRIED
(POWELL AND DIXON VOTED NO)

Donnelly stated that the Quaker Valley Council of Governments is still working on the Garbage contract and a report will be given at the August meeting.

PARKS:

Cortese moved "to place an ad in the 2011 Northgate Football Program at a cost of \$45.00."

Donnelly asked if Council was going to "chip in" as in past years and Cortese stated that would be acceptable.

Dixon asked what it is for and Cortese stated that it is a fund raiser for the football team to help defray their costs.

Donnelly stated that she paid for the ad last year but this year it would be good if Council each paid \$5.00 to pay for it.

Dixon asked if she asked for a reimbursement and she stated she did not.

Cortese stated that he will withdraw the motion since Council is going to contribute \$5.00 each to pay for the ad.

Cortese withdrew the motion.

Cortese moved "to allow the Avalon Panthers use the field for the season with a \$1,500 security deposit which has already been paid. Use of the field will be contingent upon proof of their insurance."

Donnelly 2nd

Yurkovich asked if there will be a no smoking rule for children's events. Dilmore and Cortese agreed this will be enforced.

Narcisi called for a vote and the motion was...

CARRIED

Cortese announced that the Monday night swims are doing well. The cost is \$2.00 and you can swim from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Morning swims are also doing well. They are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and are \$2.00.

Movie night is on Thursday evenings. This week we have a "kids flick" and hot chocolate will be available.

LIBRARY:

NO REPORT

4th JULY:

NO REPORT

Powell moved:

“To adjourn.”

Cortese 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "H".

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**

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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2011**

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The meeting opened at with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Haslett.

Roll Call: Cortese, Bernstein, Dixon, Lloyd, Narcisi, Powell, Repp and Sefick. Also present were Dilmore, Mayor Haslett, Solicitor Megan Ott, Shawn Rosensteel, Chief Kokoski and Judith Brogan. Absent: Klicker

There was an Executive Session held prior to the Regular Council Meeting. Solicitor Ott stated the Executive Session was in complete compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Bernstein moved:

“To accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 19, 2011.”

Powell 2nd

CARRIED

(Lloyd, Repp and Sefick abstained)

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dilmore stated that he received a letter from Penn Dot on the 2011-2012 winter municipal snow agreement. This year's total is \$16,086.43. This is up about \$600.00 from last year.
- Letter from the Quaker Valley Council of Governments on the 2011/2012 Salt purchase. The opening and acceptance of the bids was done last month and this letter is stating Avalon is going to participate this year.
- Letter from the AIM loan program on the Way Finders Project that Avalon applied for through the Joint Planning Commission with Bellevue and Ben Avon. The application was denied.

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- **Notice of public hearing on August 24, 2011, at Canon-MacMillan High School regarding the Marcellus Shale issues.**
- **Received unapproved bids on the garbage contract. Bids are being reviewed by the Quaker Valley Council of Governments' Solicitor. The bids will then be forwarded to the municipalities for review and approval over the next couple of months.**

VISITOR:

Mrs. Dominytus of 420 Chestnut Street thanked Harry Dilmore for finding and returning her purse to her.

She also asked for no smoking signs for the pool area. Dilmore stated that Donnelly has had the paper work so Avalon can join the program and get the signs for free. Donnelly stated that she will have everything ready for next months meeting.

Cortese stated that he has talked to the coaches about complaints he received about coaches smoking on the field during practice. The coach denied it and several people disagreed with that stating that they have seen the coach smoking on the field. Cortese will follow up with the coaches.

Powell asked if there is a designated smoking area and Cortese stated that he let them know that they can smoke in the parking lot but not on the field.

Powell asked if there are receptacles available and was told no; smokers throw their cigarettes on the ground.

VISITOR:

Michelle Smith, representing the Joint Planning Commission stated that she had been asked to visit various Councils which she has done and letters have been sent via e-mail in May and July stating their plans to implement an agenda for joint comprehensive capital improvements.

She stated that a recommendation has been made to have an engineer and legal advisers consulted for all improvement programs with the cost to be shared by all of the municipalities.

This committee will be in place from July 2011 to June 2012.

Donnelly asked if Avalon Council is represented on the committee and was told that Tom Lloyd is on that board.

Ms. Smith stated that she received a letter from Kathy Coder asking if Bellevue is the only municipality participating in the Allegheny County U.S. Department of Energy of Sun Spot Grants. Ms. Smith stated that participation is open to all municipalities and paper work for participation must be done by August 22, 2011.

She stated that the zoning code for solar energy identifies the use of solar as not to be located within five yards of the front yard, back or side yards and cannot interfere with a neighbor's quiet enjoyment of their property. In fact, if solar energy would become a new energy source, there would be an amendment in the current zoning code.

Donnelly asked if this program is specifically through Connect, which consists of towns in Counties that border Pittsburgh and Ms. Smith stated that the program is not specifically to the Connect communities.

Donnelly pointed out that Connect deals with the University of Pittsburgh and the Connect group and the COG (Quaker Valley Council of Governments) deals with County issues.

VISITOR:

Jackie Yurkovich of Grandview Avenue thanked Council for fixing the broken pipe at the pool so quickly. She also pointed out that there are 50 to 60 tires left lying around from Dumpster Day. Dilmore stated that the man who was supposed to pick them did not respond to calls as promised. Dilmore called Mike Berry who is going to have a dumpster on Wednesday and will pick them up for \$1.50 per tire as opposed to the \$2.00 per tire that they were being charged by the other person through the QVCOG.

Yurkovich stated that the sign across from her house that was hit by a truck and is bent causing a hazard because drivers cannot read it. Dilmore stated that he will notify the Department of Public Works.

She asked why Norwood and Grandview have not been touched this year. The streets are a mess and need attention. Dilmore stated that the crew is shorthanded because new hires are not dependable and one had to reduce his hours because of his full time job. He stated that he will notify the DPW and see if they can get to those streets as soon as possible.

Dilmore also stated that the problems at the pool kept the crew busy there and caused a delay in their usual schedule. He also stated that the overgrowth of weeds is because the spray being used is not the same as in previous years because the county has specified what to use and the Borough is complying.

Yurkovich asked Council to call the Post Gazette and tell them to stop throwing the newspapers in the driveways and on the property of the residents. Nobody wants them and although she and her neighbors are tired of picking them up, there are some residents who do not pick them up at all. Dilmore stated that he is aware of the problem because the Borough is also getting them.

Bernstein suggested that they take pictures of the papers and send them to the Post Gazette with a demand that they stop delivering them.

VISITOR:

Jane Miller of 302 Fisk Street spoke about the tree trimming in Avalon. She stated that at a time when the Borough is starting a shade tree commission, many of our properly cared for trees are being brutally and needlessly cut back.

She asked for clarification as to when the trees will be trimmed again.

Dilmore stated that the Borough is using grant money obtained through the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) to pay for the tree trimming and the trimming is necessary for safety reasons. Fire equipment and EMS vehicles need to have immediate access.

Dilmore stated that they tried to trim only the hazardous ones based on the money allowed. Ms. Miller stated that they were cutting trees that were not hanging over into the alleys and were not a hazard. She stated that the trees they have cut look ugly.

Dilmore stated that more trimming will be done in September if the Committee releases the money.

Ms. Miller stated that people are trying to take care of their homes and their concerns are being ignored.

Dilmore stated that he spoke to Walt of Walt's Landscaping and was told they only cut that much if the tree was in jeopardy already.

Ms. Miller asked if the tree cutting schedule had been published in the Citizen and was told it was not.

Donnelly stated that the purpose was and is to improve the looks and safety of the streets.

Dilmore stated that the trimmers are experienced and know what they are doing and he did the project to improve the area not to anger anyone.

Dilmore stated the Shade Tree Commission was disbanded in the 1970's because they did not have the number of members needed. He agrees that a group or agency should be formed to determine which trees should be cut and when they should be cut. Dilmore stated that his efforts were intended for good but "no good deed goes unpunished."

VISITOR:

Teri Regus of E & R Automotive on California Avenue spoke about the abandoned vehicle issue as reported in the Citizen newspaper.

Teri stated that often times people drop off their vehicle for repair but they don't have the money to pay for the work so they leave the vehicle. This causes a problem with the residents in the area as well as E&R Automotive. They are trying to address this issue with their customers and by reporting them to the police.

She also stated that she and her husband, who is co-owner of E&R Automotive, are offended by a report in the Citizen. Dave Dixon complained about how much they charged to replace a broken window in a DPW vehicle. He was quoted as saying the job could have been done in-house for \$50.00. She wants to know where he is getting windows for \$50.00 because she will buy them there since they cannot get that price.

Teri also stated that remarks such as Dave Dixon's, being published in the local newspaper, hurts their business. She does not know Dave Dixon and he has never been to her business so she doesn't know why he wants to hurt them.

She stated that when the Borough has a vehicle that needs repaired and they take it to E&R, she or her husband will give that vehicle priority as a courtesy. They do not expect nor get any special treatment in return.

She stated that if the Borough has a vehicle to be repaired and finds a cheaper price E&R will match it. They take pride in their business and want to be an asset to the Community.

Teri also wants Council to know that they have posted a sign stating that any vehicle left after the work is done will be charged a \$25.00 per day storage fee.

MAYOR:

Mayor Haslett apologized for not being in attendance due to his job sending him out of town. It will be the same for future meetings but he is working with the police chief, Tom Kokoski, and with the Borough Manager, Harry Dilmore. They keep him updated with what is going on in the Borough and what specifically needs his attention and Dilmore can get in touch with him at any time if necessary.

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- Dilmore stated he met with the contractor on West Bellevue Road and it is still scheduled to begin on Monday. Oak Street is to be blocked off and letters will be sent to the residents letting them know about the street closing.

- **There will be several motions tonight; one of them will be for the Ford leasing agreement for the police car.**

SOLICITOR

Megan Ott spoke about the lien letters for the property on Norwood Avenue and reported that she is working with Chandran Realty to get the necessary paperwork done.

She also recommends that Council should have an Ordinance as requested by the Joint Planning Commission, to have access to professional, legal and engineer advice as needed. Dilmore asked if it is necessary to have an Ordinance for this and Megan stated that it can be either an Ordinance or Resolution.

Dilmore gave Megan a Resolution that was already typed and ready for approval and signatures. Megan stated that she will read it and pass it along to the Council members for any suggestions or changes. Then it can be voted on and signed.

The third and final report is on the 2012 reassessments. There was an interesting report sent to Judge Wettick stating that it is the County's intention to certify the 2012 assessments in March of 2012.

One of the problems with that is that the assessment objections must be filed by January 15, 2012.

Also, this may cause a financial burden for municipalities who need to send their tax bills out in March. They now will have to wait until May or June.

There will be a Special Emergency Meeting about this on Thursday, August 18, 2011 and Megan will report to Council on the results of that meeting.

Megan stated that there is concern that the municipalities would have to be relatively revented in order to financially comply with these reassessments.

She stated that with the questions and concerns of the school districts and tax collector's, it may be in the best interest of all concerned to postpone the reassessments.

Repp announced that Megan was one of the Pennsylvania Rising Stars which is an award given to lawyers under the age of 40 that have practiced for ten (ten) years or less along with a review of credentials of the candidates. No more than 2.5% of lawyers in the stat are named as Rising Stars.

ENGINEER:

Shawn Rosensteel stated that he plans to schedule an on site meeting with the contractor on Friday, August 19, 2011. The work is on schedule and the contractor is not anticipating any delays or problems on the job.

FINANCE:

Powell stated that the Tan Loan Payment has been paid.

Powell moved "to accept the Finance Report as submitted."

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

"To accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted."

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

"To accept the Tax Collector's Report as submitted."

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Powell stated there was no other report and asked the Committees to refrain from any unnecessary spending and to find a way to make the budget work

SAFETY:

Narcisi announced that Megan Ott has written an Ordinance concerning the Dumpsters and in the area parks.

Narcisi stated that the Police Chief is doing a good job with safety on the streets.

Narcisi asked Kokoski for two (2) officers to join the Quality of Life Committee for property rental inspections. He stated that he could assign an officer to do this.

Kokoski stated that Officer Frank Colonello will be going to a class in Greensburg because the laws for rental inspections have been in effect since last year. Kokoski stated that he is looking forward to taking the class.

Kokoski stated that Officer Walt Johnson may return to work next month (September) pending his next doctor visit and if he is released to work.

Narcisi moved “to have the proper officials sing the paperwork with Ford Credit/Leasing Company for the 2011 Crown Victoria Police Cruiser.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

STREETS:

Lloyd stated that all of the DPW were sold and the crew is out painting the poles and cleaning the streets. He stated that the crew is working to keep up with the grass on Harrison and Route 65. The Solicitor will send a letter to the owner of the property and fine them if necessary.

Lloyd stated that the next clean – up day is scheduled for October 8, 2011. The last clean – up day was a big success and Lloyd asked for more volunteers this time.

Lloyd moved “to have the Secretary give the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1333, increasing the indebtedness of Avalon Borough by \$70,000 for the replacement of the municipal building garage.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Lloyd moved “to accept the bid of Cargill, Inc. for the Road Salt for the 2011/2012 season; this bid is based on the Quaker Valley Council of Government’s pricing bid at \$55.83.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Lloyd moved “to accept Resolution No. 1077.”

Bernstein 2nd

Powell asked if any and all fees collected would be shared by all three of the Boroughs. Solicitor Megan Ott stated that is the agreement.

Sefick asked if the other Boroughs are in agreement with sharing the collected fees and Megan stated that they are in agreement with the Resolution as stated.

Repp called for a vote and the motion was...

CARRIED

PROPERTY:

NO REPORT

HEALTH/SANITATION:

Dixon stated that the bids for Solid Waste removal were received and opened at the Quaker Valley Council of Government office.

CORP/PLANNING

Powell stated that with the new garbage contract, if a resident refuses to pay their bill, their pick-up can be stopped and the health department can get involved.

Donnelly asked if there is any improvement with the collection of the delinquent accounts. Dilmore stated that there is some improvement and Bernstein stated that the Facebook page is more informative about garbage pickup and the page is growing.

INTER-BORO

Donnelly stated there will be attending the next Inter-Boro meeting and will report to Council.

She also stated that she will not be attending the September 30, 2011 meeting at Seven Springs. She also will not be attending the September 11, 2011 Memorial Service in Shanksville, Pa.

Lloyd will attend the Shanksville, Pa. ceremony.

PARKS:

Cortese stated that August has been a bad month for the pool due to the pipe break and the inclement weather. He is hoping that it will improve when the weather changes.

Brandon asked if he could use the track from 4:40 to 5:30 p.m. and Solicitor Ott stated there would need to be a Resolution allowing this and the Parks Committee would have to approve it at a meeting.

NOTE: Allegheny County Councilman, Matt Drozid arrived for the remainder of the meeting.

LIBRARY:

NO REPORT

4th of JULY

NO REPORT

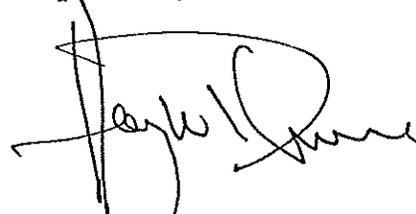
Powell congratulated Bernstein on the birth of his and his wife's new baby.

Cortese moved to adjourn.

Powell 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "H" and "D".

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**

APPROVED // 8
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**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

The meeting opened at with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance led by Mayor David Haslett.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon, Donnelly, Lloyd, Narcisi, Powell, Sefick. Also present were Mayor Haslett, Harry Dilmore, Solicitor Megan Ott, Engineer, Shawn Rosensteel, and Judith Brogan. Absent: Repp. Absent: Tax Collector, Ed Klicker.

There was no Executive Session held prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

Pat Narcisi, substituting for Council President, Ed Repp, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Lloyd moved "to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 16, 2011."

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dilmore stated that he received a letter from the One Call Systems regarding the Safety Day on September 22, 2011. Dale Regrut of the DPW will be attending the class at no cost to Avalon Borough.
- Returned the contracts from Cargill, Inc. for the 2011-2012 salt. We will be meeting on October 4, 2011 to discuss the 2011 season.
- Received letter from the North Hills Chamber of Commerce asking permission to permit the annual Halloween Parade on October 29, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

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- Presented two (2) letters to Council at the Finance Meeting for consideration.
 - Received the 2011 License fee check from the Liquor Control Board and the listing of the Avalon Bars.

VISITORS:

Jackie Yurkovich of Grandview Avenue asked what the Borough is going to do about the gravel along Grandview. She stated that a man came along and shoveled the gravel after a heavy rain and he took the gravel with him. She stated that she is not going to shovel the gravel any more because it is a hard job and she should not have to do it.

Dilmore asked the Engineer, Shawn Rosensteel to go to the site and give his recommendation. Yurkovich stated that the residents want grass or cement and Shawn stated that he would go to the site later in the week and he will be in contact with Dilmore.

MAYOR:

Mayor Haslett stated that the Elementary School will be holding the Fall Festival on October 14, 2011. They asked if it will be possible to have a fire truck and an EMT vehicle for the event. Haslett stated that he spoke to Police Chief Kokoski and he agreed that it would be possible as long as the fire department is in agreement.

Dixon stated that he will pass the request onto the Fire Chief.

Haslett stated that Officer Lucas of Bellevue asked if Avalon can or will reinstate the DARE program in Avalon. The Mayor agrees with Officer Lucas that it will be better to have it in Avalon rather than have Bellevue come into Avalon to do it.

Police Chief Kokoski stated that he will look into the situation and get back to Mayor Haslett.

Haslett stated there is concern that the police car repairs and the Crew vehicles repairs are being done outside of the Borough. He asked if the repairs can be done in the Borough. He stated not only is it more convenient to have the work done locally, is it less expensive. Haslett stated that Council needs to address this situation.

Haslett stated there is a safety issue concerning the Birmingham steps. The barricades have been kicked down by the kids, there are no signs posted and the area at the bottom of the steps is dangerous. He believes it is important to get this corrected as soon as possible.

Haslett suggested that the barriers be put back and signs should be posted alerting pedestrians of the hazard.

Dilmore suggested that if the Borough is not going to fix the steps then the bottom section should be taken out. Haslett stated that until that decision is made the barriers and signs should be put back as soon as possible because the steps are being used on a regular basis.

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- Dilmore stated there is a report on the West Bellevue Road Project and he will allow Shawn Rosensteel of Chester Engineering to give that report at this meeting.

Dilmore attended the 911 Meeting at the Emergency Meeting Headquarters, in Lawrenceville, Pa. last week. This meeting discussed how the residents of the area would be permitted to get flood plane insurance. The flood plane has increased from the swimming pool valley down to Spruce Run Road. FEMA spent a lot of money on new maps to help explain where the flood plane areas are located.

The agency is creating new regulations so nothing can be built in the flood plane areas. The program will not allow any new buildings or renovations to be done in the flood plane areas as determined by their new regulations and maps.

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Dilmore stated that some mortgage companies are demanding that buyers have flood insurance to protect their interests. He also stated there will be public hearings scheduled so the public can know what they will and will not be permitted to do in the flood plane areas and if they can purchase flood insurance.

SOLICITOR:

Megan Ott stated that the closing on the property located in Avalon at 619 Norwood Avenue will be completed next week.

Megan stated that the Reassessments should be a main focus at this time because of the upcoming budget plans. She stated that last Friday, Judge Wettick issued an Order of Court to the County to complete the City and School District reassessments on time and have them certified by January 5, 2012 so the School District can send out their taxes at the usual time in early January.

This puts a burden on the Boroughs and Townships because their reassessments will not get certified until some time in May and then the Tax Bills can be mailed out. This will interfere with budgets because millage rates cannot be determined and the tax bills will be mailed out late. Allowing for the discount amount period, tax returns may be received in August.

Megan stated that Avalon was wise when they entered into an early agreement with the employers and businesses in the area.

She stated that she is among a group of attorneys scheduled to meet and hopefully intervene with Judge Wettick. Hopefully, they will be able to infuse common sense into the situation. She will continue to keep Council updated on the situation.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Shawn Rosensteel stated that the West Bellevue Road Project is nearly complete and the contractor did a final testing on the line. They are anticipating a \$5,000 to \$7,000 change in cost due to the location of the Bellevue sewer coming into West Bellevue Road.

The maps showed the line coming off of Starr Avenue straight to the manhole on West Bellevue Road. This was incorrect and they had to do more digging than anticipated. The line that was shown as 4 feet deep was actually 12 feet deep thus the costs increase.

Shawn confirmed with Dilmore that there is enough in the project budget to cover the extra charge and Dilmore stated there is \$14,000 for unforeseen problems so the \$7,000.00 will be covered.

FINANCE:

Powell moved to accept the Finance Report as submitted.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED
(DIXON VOTED NO)

Powell stated that the financial situation is making it necessary to get permission from Mr. Dilmore and/or the Finance Committee to spend over \$500.00. Committees need to be aware that we are in financial trouble again at this time and we still have another quarter to get through the year.

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Donnelly stated that the government will be taking out the wage taxes from our salaries next year and that should be considered when working on the budget.

Powell stated that the budget is a working document and just because you may be under budget that does not mean you are entitled to spend more. He asked the Committees to use discretion when spending.

SAFETY:

Sefick moved “to hold Avalon’s official Halloween Day on Monday, October 31, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Powell 2nd

CARRIED

Sefick moved “to allow the North Suburban Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual Halloween parade on California Avenue, from the Elementary school to the Bellevue border, on October 29, 2011, starting at 11:00 a.m.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Sefick moved “to pass Ordinance No. 1333 to increase the Borough’s indebtedness by \$70,000 for the replacement of the roof on the Municipal department of public works and fire department.”

Powell 2nd

CARRIED

Sefick moved “to appoint Jonathan Bernstein to the Friends of the Library Board.”

Donnelly 2nd

Donnelly asked if Council should have the resignation of the current chairs before appointing anyone.

Megan asked if Council has any of the resignations and was told no and Bernstein stated that they are going to accept them with his motion at this meeting.

Narcisi stated that the motion to appoint Jonathan Bernstein to the Friends of the Library Board is tabled according to protocol.

Donnelly read her resignation to Council President, Ed Repp, as follows:

Dear Mr. President,

I am resigning from the Friends of the Library Board effective immediately. I hope the time served was productive for the future of the Library.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donnelly

Sefick moved "to place an ad in the Northgate Band Festival Program at a cost of \$40.00 for a full page ad."

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Powell asked what the ad will say and Dilmore stated that he will come up with something to place in the ad.

STREETS:

NO REPORT

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CORP/PLANNING

Lloyd announced that The Tri Boro's Community Association has asked if we would budget \$1,500 to \$2,000 for each community event planned. The reason for this is because they have to start planning for the 2014 review and the money needs to be allocated.

He also stated that the Quality of Life Committee is planning a clean-up day on Saturday, October 10, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. This event was a success in the spring and they are hoping for a bigger turnout this time.

He will have a motion later in the meeting to have Dumpster Day in November.

Lloyd moved "to enter into an agreement with Allegheny County Port Authority to salt the Avalon Bridge for the 2011-2012 winter maintenance season."

Donnelly 2nd

Donnelly asked if the agreement is in compliance with the Quaker Valley Council of Government's agreement and Dilmore stated that it is the same agreement as in prior years.

CARRIED

Lloyd moved "to hold Dumpster Day on November 5, 2011 and purchase signs alerting the public to the upcoming event. This event will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Actual time to be decided."

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

PROPERTY:

NO REPORT

HEALTH/SANITATION:

NO REPORT

CORP/PLANNING

Bernstein moved “to accept the resignations of the following Friends of the Library Board members: Ellen Gamble and Vickie Donnelly.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Bernstein moved to “recommend that Avalon Council approve the nominations for the Friends of the Library Board including:

Todd Demagone – 2 year term, Rae Fisher – 3 year term, Annie Bedison – 1 year term and Lisa Elliott – 2 year term.”

Lloyd asked when the terms will become effective and Megan explained that these terms will become effective today and go to January. In the future, the terms will be reviewed every January.

Sefick 2nd

CARRIED

Sefick moved “To appoint Jonathan Bernstein to the Friends of the Library Board.”

There was some discussion including the length of the term and Dilmore stated that Council President, Ed Repp, would decide how long Bernstein’s term will run.

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Narcisi called for a vote and the motion was...

CARRIED

Bernstein stated that he updated the facebook page to welcome the new board members and Donnelly stated that Bernstein is doing a good job with the facebook page for the Borough.

INTER-BORO

Donnelly stated that there will be a Manager's meeting on Wednesday afternoon and a Board of Director's meeting in the evening. There will also be a QVCOG meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2011.

She attended a meeting with candidates Mr. Raja and Mr. Fitzgerald. They would like to see the municipalities come together for various concerns such as transportation and flooding. They also have concerns about abandoned homes and how to get them re-furbished.

Donnelly stated there is a booklet that she will try to bring to Council, showing the breakdown of how the QVCOG money has been used.

There is also a need for new fire equipment but the cost is over a million dollars and the County Council has been urged to get organizations together to help with the purchase of this equipment.

Lloyd stated that the Touch a Truck event sponsored by the Avalon Library was a big success. The weather cooperated and there were enough volunteers to help make it a success.

PARKS:

Cortese thanked the pool manager, Cati Makatura, and her staff for at the pool and the concession stand, for the wonderful job they did this year. He stated that the concession stand made a profit of \$2,634.22 and the swimming pool only lost \$4,542.00. Dilmore stated that was the best year for the pool. Cortese stated that prior year losses were over \$17,000.

Dilmore stated that the only time the pool did better than this year was the year they were closed.

Cortese stated that August was a bad month for the swimming pool for various reasons; the water main break, the bad weather and they had to close for the last week of the month. All of these things contributed to some of the loss but overall, Cortese stated, it was a good year for the pool and concession stand.

Cortese also stated that West View Water is telling the Borough that the water main break is the Borough's responsibility because it is a dedicated line and they are charging \$17,000 for rental of the fire hydrants. Solicitor Megan Ott is looking into the situation and will report to Dilmore and Council.

Lloyd and Sefick and Dixon stated that Cortese did a good job with the pool and concession stand this year.

Cortese asked about the medical and pharmacy needs for the pool that had been donated by Frank's Pharmacy in past years. Dilmore explained that in the past, the hospital donated those items and then Franck's Pharmacy. This year the Borough replaced what needed to be replaced and purchased the necessary items as needed. He stated although it was appreciated when the items were free; it is not a hardship for the Borough to take care of it.

LIBRARY:

Donnelly attended the Executive Meeting and it went well in the sense of what is being accomplished at the Library. The lighting has been fixed again. One of the items on the agenda is security and they are getting quotes from different companies for cameras. She noted that you cannot have cameras if you don't have lights and they are looking into why they are having problems with the lights.

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NO REPORT

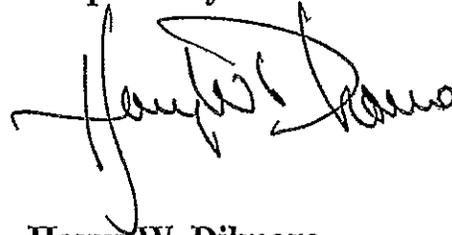
Cortese moved to adjourn.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore".

Harry W. Dilmore
Manager

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2011

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by Council President, Ed Repp.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Donnelly, Lloyd, Narcisi, Powell, Repp, also present were Dilmore, Solicitor Megan Ott, Rob Arnold, Tax Collector, Ed Klicker, Police Chief Kokoski and Judith Brogan. Absent: Dixon, Sefick, and Mayor Haslett.

Lloyd moved to accept the Minutes of the September 20, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.

Donnelly 2nd

**CARRIED
(Repp Abstained)**

An Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting and Solicitor Ott stated that it was in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dilmore stated that he received a letter from the Auditor General's office and Mockenhaupt Benefits Group on the 2011 Municipal Pension Aid Allocations. The increase for the MMO is only a one year increase and should be budgeted.**
- Dilmore stated that the Halloween Parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2011. Registration forms are available at the Borough office. Halloween will be observed on Monday, October 31, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- The Northgate Annual Senior Citizen luncheon and show will be on Friday, November 18, 2011 at 10:45 a.m. The show will be at 11:30 a.m.**

- **Dilmore stated that he has been contacted by Paul Cusick for the November 11, 2011 (11/11) troop collection. It is unclear at this time what will be collected so there will be further communications on this.**

VISITORS:

Jackie Yurkovich of Grandview Avenue thanked the volunteers for their help on clean-up day. She also asked why there were not more volunteers from Council. She also stated that in the spring, they are going to schedule clean up day to coincide with Dumpster Day because more Council people show up for that. She also pointed out that there is blue tarp being blown all over the area from a covering on a roof on an abandoned building. She stated that two women were cleaning the tarp up for hours and when they had it cleaned up the wind would blow it around again. She asked if anything can be done to make the owners fix the problem.

VISITOR:

Ruth Lloyd of 225 S. Ohio Street thanked the Crew for trimming the trees and weeds away from the main street. The community looks nice and the chief is making the Borough safer, but she asked what Council has planned to bring businesses back into the Borough.

She stated that she has been in touch with the Chamber of Commerce and wants to know if there is any type of development plans for the future. Is there anyone the Borough can call on to help with this? She noted that there used to be a bakery, a dry goods store, two pharmacies and a bank on the main street but now it looks bad.

Repp stated that Council is concerned about the lack of growth in the area. He noted that the parking lot was built with that in mind but has not helped.

Ruth asked about networking and if the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) can help.

Donnelly stated that she would take this concern to the next QVCOG meeting and she will find out if they have any ideas on the subject.

Dilmore stated that he attends the Chamber of Commerce meetings and businessmen do not come to the meetings looking for buildings.

Mrs. Lloyd stated that if they had networking, they may have been able to show the people of Bellevue that we are not a dry town like they are and they can open a business in Avalon that would allow alcohol.

VISITOR:

Ms. Gordon of Pittsburgh stated that she is at this meeting because she has a few complaints against the Avalon Police Department. She had a list of numerous incidents she claimed to have witnessed. One of the incidents was that the police went to her niece's house at 805 Taylor Avenue and were rude and ignorant to them. Also, during a party for her nieces, the police came and told them to turn the "damn" music down. She stated that the police are even harassing them when they are driving, claiming that she and her sister were pulled over for stupid things. She stated that one time they were told their "blinker is broken." She asked how the officer could know that the blinker was broken and the officer should have said you failed to use your blinker.

But in her opinion, the worst complaint was about her twin nieces' sweet sixteen party. They had a DJ there and admittedly it was loud and the police came and said there was a complaint about the noise. Ms. Gordon stated that her sister, (the actual resident of the property) told the officer that they would turn the music down and if they are cited, they we will pay any fine.

She went on to say that the police used *EXPLETIVES* (Ms. Gordon used foul language stating that she was quoting the officers.) She said her sister asked the officer why he was swearing at them and the officers called her brother down to the street to fight. She stated that three policemen went into the house and pulled her brother -in - law out of the house saying he was resisting arrest. She stated they were never told they were under arrest so how could they resist.

Repp told her to get the form from the police department and file it through the police department. He stated that they cannot discuss these things at a public meeting because there are procedures to follow.

Ms. Gordon stated that she was told to come to this meeting to voice her complaints and again Repp told her to follow the process and file the complaints with the police department. Ms. Gordon stated that the Police were the problem, specifically, Chief Kokoski, and how would the problem be fixed if they gave the complaint form to the police.

Repp told her to file the complaint form and it will come before Council no matter who the complaint is against. He conferred with the Solicitor and was told that he is correct in telling her to follow the procedure.

She asked how long it would take to process the complaint after she files it and was told that it will go before the personnel committee and it would not take long to address it.

She and her friends left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

MAYOR:

NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- Dilmore stated that the fire relief check was received and given to Jim Carol of Avalon Volunteer Fire Department on Thursday night at the Finance Meeting. Jim will get the paperwork filled out and return it to Dilmore.**
- The Engineer will report on the work on West Bellevue Road which is completed.**
- Dilmore stated that work on the 2012 Budget will begin on October 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers room.**

SOLICITOR:

Megan Ott spoke about the agreement with Columbia Gas Company and confirmed that the Executive Meeting pertained to a personnel matter.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Rob Arnold stated that the work on West Bellevue Road is completed and the final inspection is scheduled for next week with both Avalon and Bellevue.

The final cost was \$288,000 plus costs for unexpected digging, etc. which is in agreement with the grant of \$370,000. The clean up is scheduled for next week and Rob invited everyone to check out the work that was done.

FINANCE:

Powell stated that he is cautiously optimistic that the Borough will get through the year okay but he is still calling for discretionary spending.

Powell moved:

“To accept the Finance Report as submitted.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report for as submitted.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Powell stated that there are some debt issues that will be on the books next year and the DPW and the Fire Department must watch their spending.

There are a few items being negotiated with the new contract for the Department of Public Works.

SAFETY:

Narcisi stated that negotiations between Avalon and Ben Avon Heights are going well and there should be a contract next week. He confirmed this with Dilmore.

Narcisi moved:

“To hire Sean Kirley as a full time police officer of the Avalon Borough Police Department having successfully completed his probationary period.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

STREETS:

Lloyd stated that they are getting ready for the snow season with the salt supply and road equipment.

He also made a comment on the Quality of Life Committee that worked on the clean-up day cleaning garbage, tires, etc. He also noted that the Girl Scouts planted tulip bulbs in front of the Borough Building and commented on the painting around the trees. The weather kept the painting from being completed but he is anticipating it will get done as soon as the weather allows.

Lloyd also thanked the church members who helped feed the volunteers after the work was done.

Powell asked if there is an Ordinance regarding signs on the telephone poles in the Borough and Dilmore state that Duquesne Light has a new

set of guidelines concerning this but Avalon does not have an Ordinance to address this issue.

He stated that the Quality of Life put signs up and he feels it is against the work of that Committee. Dilmore stated that Duquesne Light does not allow nails or staples on the poles. This is to protect their workers who have to climb the poles.

Lloyd stated that the signage in the Borough is being addressed by the Municipalities in the valley area. This covers Sewickley, Leetsdale and others in that area.

PROPERTY:

NO REPORT

Repp asked about the Stringert Company and Dilmore stated that they have been paid.

HEALTH:

Donnelly moved

“To have the secretary give the first and second reading of Ordinance NO. 1334 securing a five (5) year contract with Waste Management for garbage and recycling collection.”

Lloyd 2nd

Repp asked Dilmore if this contract is with Quaker Valley Council of Governments and it was confirmed.

Dilmore stated that it is an Option A or Option B choice and Dilmore stated that he is urging Council to choose Option B which, in his opinion is the better choice for the Borough. He noted that most of the municipalities with the Quaker Valley Council of Governments are choosing Option B.

Dilmore stated that Waste Management will also provide locked disposal boxes for people who need to throw away old medicines or used syringes.

At this point, Dilmore asked Council President to proceed with the Tax Collector's statement while he (Dilmore) went to his office to get the complete Ordinance for Council.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Ed Klicker gave a streamlined report of the printed report Council members already received in their packets.

Klicker stated that he gave Dilmore a list of properties that have been re-assessed in the Borough and Repp asked if the list was of current assessments. Klicker confirmed.

Klicker stated that the Earned Income Tax (EIT) is approximately 52% of the budget revenue.

He also stated that Avalon is approximately 89% within the budget revenue and he believes it was a wise decision for the Borough to enter the Keystone System a year earlier than required.

HEALTH (CONTINUED)

Dilmore returned and read Ordinance No. 1334:

The Borough of Avalon, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, securing a five (5) year contract with Waste Management for garbage and recycling collection establishing the weekly rate trash pick up and the bi-weekly rate for recycling and to advertise the same."

Repp then read Donnelly's motion as amended:

“To have the secretary give the first and second reading of Ordinance No. 1334 securing a five (5) year contract with Waste Management for garbage and recycling collection and to advertise the same.”

CARRIED

CORP/PLANNING:

Bernstein reported that the Planning Commission is at a standstill on how to market Avalon at this time. People seem to like the Borough but they do not want to have their businesses here.

He stated that Avalon needs to have a marketing plan to bring businesses to the Borough.

INTER-BOROUGH:

Donnelly stated that there is a dinner at the Shanopin Country Club on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 for the communities that are part of the Quaker Valley Council of Governments.

She also stated that she was proud to represent the QVOG at the North Hills Quaker Valley Council of Governments last month.

Donnelly stated that she will be attending a general membership meeting for Allegheny County at the Church Hill Country Club on Thursday, December 1, 2011.

Donnelly moved “to accept the bid of \$16,925.00 from Joseph Palmieri Construction, LLC for the ADA ramps project.

Cortese 2nd

Dilmore stated that the grant Avalon received is for \$15,500.00 so if Council passes the motion, Avalon will be responsible for the remaining \$1,425.00. It won't be done until next year but he needed to let Council know before they vote on the motion.

He stated that he applied for the full amount of \$15,000 and although it was granted, there is a balance that Avalon will be responsible for paying.

Repp then read the motion again and called for a vote. The motion was...

CARRIED

PARKS:

Cortese stated that he met with Chuck Berie of the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department and Chuck has asked permission to use the Avalon Pool building on January 9, 2012 for educational training.

Powell asked Cortese about an update on the gas line at the pool area. Cortese stated that the findings showed there was a gas the leak in the gas line under the creek.

Cortese stated that Columbia Gas made a proposal to eliminate the gas line under the shelter and replacing it with propane tanks. This would save between \$6,700 to \$7,000. Cortese suggested to Dilmore that if they do that they should not take the money but use it to have the Gas Company repave the parking lot.

LIBRARY:

Donnelly stated that she did not attend the last library meeting but Ruth Lloyd did and Donnelly asked Ruth to give a report.

Ruth stated that they are getting bids for cameras. She also stated that the problem they thought was caused by the electricity was actually just the timer which was corrected.

There will be a "Friends of the Library" meeting on October 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. and the officers that were approved at the last Council meeting will be approved.

Repp asked when is the Executive Board meeting and Ruth stated that it is the first Tuesday of every month.

She stated that there are two members whose terms are up in January and they are looking at replacing the positions. Dilmore asked if they can be reappointed and she stated they can.

Ruth also stated that they are considering allowing the two non voting members to vote so they can continue without interruption.

4th of JULY/FESTIVAL

Connie Rankin reported that they are meeting with Pyro Tech-ni-co for the fire works and she will get back to Council with progress. Cortese asked when they will celebrate the 4th and Connie stated that it will be on June 29th.

Cortese moved "to adjourn."

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Harry W. Dilmore

**AVALON BOROUGH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

The meeting opened at with the pledge of allegiance led by Council President Repp.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon, Donnelly, Lloyd, Narcisi, Powell, Repp and Sefick. Also present Harry Dilmore, Solicitor Megan Ott, Engineer, Shawn Rosensteel, and Judith Brogan. Absent: Mayor Haslett and Tax Collector, Ed Klicker.

There was no Executive Session held prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

Bernstein moved “to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 18, 2011.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED
(Dixon and Sefick abstained)

Repp announced that Avalon Council is going to present an achievement award to Brandon Stallworth for his community service during his years at Northgate School District.

Repp read

“Let it hereby be resolved by the Borough Council of Avalon and reflected in the Minutes, that Brandon Stallworth having participated in seven (&) consecutive Dumpster Days and contributed to help make Avalon a better place to live, is thanked by Council and the residents of Avalon Borough.

Tom Michalow presented the award and stated that Brandon has participated in all of the Dumpster Days since he was in Middle School as a volunteer and Tom is proud to have worked with him. Tom stated

that Brandon is an outstanding young man and he would like to commend him on behalf of Northgate High School.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Dilmore stated that he received a letter from the Avalon Elementary School PTO on renewing the parking pass agreement.**
- **Letter received from the Borough Solicitor on Act 84-2011 which raises the threshold for contract to \$18,500 and above. \$10,000 - \$18,500 requires three (3) quotes and under \$10,000 requires no quotes.**
- **Received an e-mail from Jeff and Mary Marous on our email system to Council persons. Forwarded to Council.**
- **Received letter from Highmark on situation with Borough healthcare plans. We are watching closely and will report back to groups as information becomes available.**
- **Received letter from Tudi Heating on the heating system give away. Gave to Donnelly.**
- **Letter from ACES on all radio equipment will go to narrow band by January 2013. Guidelines and survey information supplied. We give to Safety and Emergency groups.**
- **Letter from Highmark on contract for 2012. Dilmore will be in touch with MEIT.**
- **Letter from Allegheny County Land Development Ordinance. There will be two (2) open meetings that local officials are urged to attend. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Avalon Municipal Building.**
- **Received Resolution for 2012 Alcosan rates for our Budget. Dilmore will have the Solicitor look at the information and he will report to Council at the December meeting.**

VISITORS:

Thomas Michalow, 213 S. Birmingham Avenue stated that Dumpster Day was a success. He thanked everyone who helped and fed the volunteers.

He restated his suggestion that the Dumpster Day announcements should be mailed with the tax bills. He can have students volunteer to stuff the envelopes for the tax collector if necessary.

Lloyd asked Tom to send him the names of the students who helped so he can send a letter of thanks and Tom stated that he already gave the list to Dilmore.

VISITOR:

Jeff Marous of 320 California Avenue stated that he has questions and complaints about the Tax Office. He stated that he does not want answers at this meeting but he wants Council to listen to him and investigate his statements. He wants to know what actions will be taken to correct the issues he will present at this meeting.

As his first complaint, Mr. Marous stated that he cannot reach the Tax Collector by telephone because his hours are stated incorrectly on the sign Ed Klicker has posted. He also asked why the tax receipt he received in the mail had 2011 typed on it and not 2010.

He asked what the hours of the Tax Office are and why they do not post the correct hours.

Repp stated that the Tax Collector sets the hours.

Mr. Marous stated that he is not satisfied with the answer from Mr. Klicker.

He also complained that the telephone does not accept messages for the Tax Office and asked why the telephone mail-box is full all the time. He also stated that the e-mail address as posted on the Borough website for Ed Klicker is incorrect.

He wants to be able to communicate with the Tax Collector and Council members but he is stopped at every attempt because the e-mail does not work.

Cortese tried to answer the question and explain why Mr. Marous is having trouble with the e-mail but Mr. Marous stated that he does not want an answer at this time. He also stated that Cortese does not know the answer so he does not want him to try to explain anything.

Repp stated that was not a fair statement and Mr. Marous should continue to ask his questions and Council will try to answer them or find the answer for him.

Mr. Marous stated that he was able to communicate with Councilman Bernstein and the Borough Manager, Harry Dilmore. They did respond to his e-mail but he still wants to know why the voice system is wrong and why is the web-site posted with hours of operation when it is not true.

Mr. Marous stated that he found out that our website does not respond to all e-mail addresses. He believes that this is an embarrassment to the Borough. He wants to know what action will be taken to resolve this and when it will be done. He also wants to know when the Tax Collector will have the corrections done and what will be done to correct all of his complaints.

Mr. Marous stated that when Inez Stauffer was the tax collector she was available five (5) days a week and the telephone system worked better.

VISITOR:

Rod Wurstall representing the Avalon Arms Apartments, 841 California Avenue, spoke about the difficulty surrounding the dye test for the sale of the building. The cost of bringing the property up to code is high and the work will be lengthy. This is holding up the sale of the property which is in effect going to affect the residents and the Borough.

Megan Ott, Borough Solicitor and Shawn Rosensteel, Borough Engineer, confirmed the necessity of the dye test corrections and the cost of the corrections.

The seller and the selling agent suggested that the Borough Manager, Harry Dilmore write and sign a letter authorizing the closing with an agreed amount between \$100,000 to \$125,000 to be put in escrow for the completion of the work at a later date.

There was some discussion and Dixon still wants the seller to repair the dye test corrections prior to the closing date.

Cortese moved “to authorize Harry Dilmore to issue a “No Lien” letter for closing purposes to the owners of the Avalon Arms after an escrow agreement approved by the Borough Engineer and Solicitor are executed between the Borough and the current owners of the Avalon Arms with Council ratification at its December regular meeting.”

Lloyd 2nd

Donnelly asked about expenses and Megan stated that purpose of the letter is to clear the way for the sale.

Cortese stated that the Borough has already incurred and will continue to incur significant legal and engineering fees. He asked if this escrow account will cover these fees and was told that it will cover them.

Dixon stated that he will vote against this because other sellers in the Borough don't have that option but it was pointed out that other sellers do have that option if they have the Borough “Letter of Intent to Remedy” signed and notarized.

Repp asked the Borough Solicitor and Shawn Rosensteel if it is okay to proceed with the sale and they both agreed it will be alright to continue. Repp called for a vote and the motion was...

**CARRIED
(DIXON VOTED NO)**

Dixon announced that he can always be reached on his cell phone although not on e-mail.

MAYOR:

NO REPORT

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

- **Dilmore stated that the West Bellevue Road Project is completed and the final inspection was done. Shawn Rosensteel of Chester Engineering will include the details in his report at this meeting.**
- **Dilmore is working with three banks on the 2012 Tan Loan numbers. A decision will be made next week.**
- **Work on the 2012 Budget is progressing and Council is close to having it ready for public display.**
- **Meeting with Local 249. Haven't been held in a month although a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday night. Council has directed a search for contractors in case of a strike or no contract.**

SOLICITOR:

Megan Ott stated that she is working on a Personnel matter for the Borough as well as the contract with Ben Avon.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Shawn Rosensteel stated that the West Bellevue Road Project was completed but the final inspection was not done as of Saturday. He will check on it and report to Council since it may have been done yesterday.

He spoke to the contractor about the handicap ramp installation and the contractor wants to start next week. Shawn does not see a problem with that as long as the weather is good and take the necessary steps to protect the concrete if necessary.

FINANCE:

Powell asked the Committees to continue their cautious spending since they are nearing the end of the year.

Powell moved to accept the Finance Report as submitted.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s Report as submitted.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

SAFETY:

Narcisi moved “to renew the Avalon Elementary School Pass agreement with the Avalon Elementary PTO organization for the 2011-2012 school year.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Narcisi moved to “accept the agreement with Ben Avon Heights Borough for a five (5) year contract to provide fire protection with provisions provided in the contract.”

Powell 2nd

Lloyd stated that he read in the Citizen that some residents of Ben Avon are upset with our fire department. Lloyd stated that the fire department should be commended on the work they do with the training of the firemen and the response of the department.

Donnelly also read the article and she agrees with Lloyd about the work the fire department does.

Dixon stated that he is speaking as the President of the Fire Department and he is inviting the public to visit the fire hall any Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. They will be happy to answer any questions.

Narcisi asked if it will be necessary to restrict the money coming from the General Fund and Dixon asked Narcisi to make the motion next month that the money should go into a separate fund.

Dilmore stated that the money is already in the 2012 Budget and his office is waiting for that to be completed and approved. When he knows what the fire department wants to do his office will set up an account for the deposit of this money.

Repp asked the Solicitor if it is necessary to have a motion for this and Megan stated that they should have a motion if it is the intention of Council to restrict the money from the General Fund. Repp asked if that could be done next month and was told yes.

Repp then called for a vote on Narcisi’s motion as stated and the motion was...

CARRIED

Repp asked Narcisi to make sure that the motion to be made next month allows for the money to go to the Avalon Volunteer Fire Department. There was some discussion and Narcisi stated that it is his understanding that those particulars have not yet been decided.

Dilmore stated that an invoice will be sent to Ben Avon and when payment is received it will be deposited correctly.

After more discussion, Dilmore stated they should make a motion to open a separate account for the Ben Avon Heights money.

Lloyd moved “to have the Secretary open a separate account for the money received from Ben Avon Heights fire protection into a special truck fund account.”

Sefick 2nd

This was revised to state: “to have the money in the amount of \$10,000 from the Fire Protection contract with Ben Avon Heights go into a Special Truck Fund set up the by Borough Secretary.”

Sefick 2nd

CARRIED

STREETS:

Lloyd thanked everyone for their help to make Dumpster Day a success.

He also stated that the second annual “Brighten the Season” is scheduled for December 3, 2011. Lloyd thanked Jeff and Mary Marous for their past participation in this event. But for personal reasons, they will not be helping this year. Jackie Yurkovich and her daughter Val will be overseeing this event.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be at the Municipal Building. There will be activities and snacks. Visitors can have their pictures taken with Santa and pets are welcome. Lighting of the tree will take place at the Avalon California Avenue Park.

Jackie Yurkovich reminded everyone that they will also be collecting for the local food bank.

Lloyd moved “to accept the resignation of Brigitte Jackson as a member of the Avalon Planning Commission.”

Donnelly 2nd

Lloyd noted that Brigitte is resigning because she has been elected to the school board and he will be taking her place on the Planning Commission.

Repp called for a vote and the motion was...

CARRIED

Lloyd moved “to have the Secretary advertise for the sale of the 2007 Ford dump truck.”

Donnelly 2nd

Powell asked why the Borough is selling the truck and Repp stated that it is no longer needed by the DPW.

CARRIED

PROPERTY:

NO REPORT

CORP/PLANNING:

Bernstein stated that he does not have a Corp/Planning report but he asked permission to speak about the Friends of the Library. He stated that at the last meeting of the Friends of the Library, they voted to have a membership drive. He also stated that everyone is working on their clearances which are being done at their own expense.

He also stated that in December they will continue to work on getting their own Solicitor.

INTER-BORO:

Donnelly stated that the Fire and Emergency system at the Library needs to be updated. There was a problem with the fire calls there and when the fire department responded, there was no fire or emergency.

Donnelly also stated that there will be a General Membership meeting of the Allegheny County Boroughs Association on December 1, 2011 at the Churchill Valley Country Club. Deadline for reservations is November 23, 2011 and the cost is \$25.00 per person. The sign up sheet is in the Administrative office.

She gave her e-mail is currently being up-dated but residents can leave a message for her at the Administrative office. She checks everyday for messages or mail.

Donnelly also stated that if anyone has anything they want discussed at the Quaker Valley Council of Governments meeting let her know and she will present it at the next meeting.

HEALTH

Dixon moved to accept the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1334 entering into a five year contract with Option B for Garbage pick-up with Waste Management."

Donnelly 2nd

Lloyd stated that it was printed in the October 28, 2011 issue of the Citizen that the Bellevue garbage fee is \$151.80 per year. Lloyd wants to know why Avalon's is \$20.00 more. Dilmore stated that the billing will be done by Waste Management.

Repp call for a vote and the motion was...

CARRIED

PARKS:

Cortese stated that they are in the process of planning a spaghetti dinner as a fund raiser for the swimming pool. No definite date has been set at this time.

Yurkovich asked for donations from any vendors or citizens.

Cortese moved "to authorize advertising for the Budget Committee meeting on December 3, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

"To authorize advertising in the Citizen, the 2012 Budget once it is finalized."

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

LIBRARY:

Donnelly again stated that the Library has been having trouble with ADT alarm system. They are working on finding and fixing the problem.

Dilmore stated that under the Blighted Neighborhood Act, we have applied for money to tear some houses down. He will give the Borough Solicitor for further review.

Dilmore stated that the Borough has received the money from All State Insurance for the house on School Street. The owner has been given thirty (30) days to get the house tore down.

There is one on Semple and one on McKinley Terrace and we have to get the Borough Solicitor to get the paperwork started on these properties.

Dixon asked Megan to see if it will be possible to get the number of days reduced from thirty days so they can get started.

4th of JULY

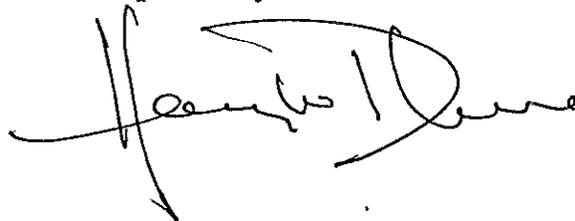
NO REPORT

Cortese moved to adjourn.

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "H" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Harry W. Dilmore
Manager**

Approved

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2011**

The meeting opened at 7:35 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by Council President, Ed Repp.

Roll Call: Bernstein, Cortese, Dixon, Donnelly, Lloyd, Narcisi, Powell, Repp. Also present were Mayor Haslett, Dilmore, Solicitor Ott, Shawn Rosensteel and Judith Brogan. Sefick and Mayor Haslett came in at 7:45 p.m.

There was no Executive Session held prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

Cortese moved "to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, dated November 15, 2011."

Sefick 2nd

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Dilmore stated that he received a letter from the Allegheny County Economic Development office on the proposed update to the 1998 County Land Development Ordinance.
- Received letter on healthcare coverage from MEIT, UPMC and Highmark, updating the Borough on the progress of the "war" going on between them. Relevant papers have been placed in the employees pay envelopes and Dilmore will keep Council informed as it develops.
- Letter from Allegheny County Emergency Services giving notice that radios will be switching over on January 1, 2013. This is to gather information on what we have already done. The letter has been forwarded to both the police and fire chiefs.

- Letter for the Solicitor which Dilmore will give to her at tonight's meeting.

VISITOR:

Valerie Cupps of 647 Grandview Avenue thanked everyone for their help with the Christmas event. She also spoke about the clean up of the properties in Avalon.

She also stated that she usually attends the Quality of Life meetings to voice her concerns but she wants to make Council aware of her concerns as well. She stated that there are too many properties that ignore cleaning their yards or cleaning the property. She would like to see the Borough get back to what it used to be in prior years.

VISITOR:

Pam Golubski of 221 S. Starr Avenue stated that she is an avid runner and during her runs she sees a lot of yards and properties that need to be cleaned. She complained about neighbors that do not clean their leaves or sidewalks. She stated that when people ask her where she lives she tells them she lives in Bellevue.

Bernstein stated that he also sees this and believes that in some situations, the community should come into play. Maybe a neighbor doesn't have the time or money to do the work and neighbors should be willing to help.

Lloyd stated that he has seen what Pam Golubski does to help her neighbors. Pam stated that she has also cleaned the area around the hospital which Lloyd pointed out is in Bellevue. She noted that it is the younger residents that do not care about the Borough.

Lloyd has a list of streets with overgrown trees and weeds and noted that Cleveland is one of the "very bad" streets.

Lloyd also noted that when a resident is cited for violations they have the right to appeal and this could go on for months. He stated that it should be pride in your community.

VISITOR:

Jackie Yurkovich of Grandview Avenue asked why the leaves are not being picked when they are raked into the street. She pointed out that this has been a terrible year with the leaf pickup.

Repp stated that the Crew was out working but the weather had a lot to do with the leaves not being picked up. He stated that if the leaves are put in the street, they will be picked up.

She asked Dixon how wide the fire and EMS trucks are because she saw the fire truck have to back down her street because of the parking. People park illegally and cause the already narrow street to become a hazard.

She stated that she asked one of the officers why the cars are not ticketed and he told her they have been told not to ticket those cars. She stated that nothing is being done to enforce the law and wants to know why.

Police Chief Kokoski stated that the reality is that there is illegal parking on every street in the Borough and he can not have his officers using their time writing tickets when there are more serious crimes being committed.

Yurkovich stated that citizens will be attending the safety meeting to complain about this situation. She stated that in some instances, there are no signs telling drivers not to park.

Repp asked if this issue could be addressed at the Quality of Life meeting and observed that parking is limited throughout the Borough.

The police can and will enforce the public roadway laws in case of an emergency and Kokoski stated that his men can ticket the cars but the drivers do not move the vehicles.

She stated that people will not park in the back of the apartment building because the elevator does not work. She thinks this is also a hazard.

MAYOR:

Mayor Haslett wished everyone a Merry Christmas and he thanked Councilman Sefick for his years of service to the Borough.

SECRETARY MANAGER:

- Dilmore stated that he held a County and subdivision meeting at the Municipal Building on December 6, 2011. Council President Repp and Councilman Lloyd attended and new guidelines for County Ordinances were discussed.
- Worked on the Auto Zone subdivision proposal and the Avalon Arms sale, both of which the Solicitor and the Engineer can discuss at this meeting.
- Met with representatives of Columbia Gas Company on the possibility of changing from gas to propane fuel for the Avalon Park facilities. More information is pending.
- Finalized the AIM loan, the Tan Loan and the Liquid Fuels paperwork for the year end reports.
- The 2012 Budget is complete and on display at the Administrative office during regular business hours.

SOLICITOR:

Megan Ott spoke about the Avalon Arms closing and the escrow account that the Borough requested to be established. The sale was finalized on Monday and the money was put into the escrow account. She has already started work on the fees involved.

Megan stated that she also has prepared a Dumpster Ordinance at the request of Council and will circulate copies to members of Council. She believes this Ordinance is appropriate at this time.

Megan also stated that all parking in the Borough is connected to the Traffic Ordinance that is already in place. She believes this Ordinance should be revisited and reviewed.

She stated that the Auto Zone subdivision was approved months ago and the Planning Commission has reported to Council.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Shawn Rosensteel stated that he agrees with the Solicitor regarding the Avalon Arms sale and stated that work has started and should be completed in a couple of weeks.

Shawn stated that the office of Economic Development now has the red line drawings of West Bellevue Road.

Finance:

Powell stated that this is his last year on Council and he thanked everyone for their support.

Powell moved

“To accept the Finance Report submitted.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Tax Collector’s report as submitted.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

“To pay the List of Bills as submitted.”

Lloyd 2nd

CARRIED

Repp thanked Powell for his years of service and stated that Council and the Borough appreciate everything he has done during his time on Council.

Narcisi thanked Powell for his diligence in keeping the Committees aware of the need to control their spending and thanked Powell for his work on the Finance Committee.

SAFETY:

NO REPORT

STREETS:

Lloyd stated that the Route 65 Birmingham Bridge work is completed for this year. He noted that the work will be completed next year.

He also thanked everyone for a productive year. He also thanked Jackie Yurkovich, the Trinity Luthern Church, the Brownie Troop who make all of the little decorations for the tree to commerate their 100th Anniversary and Al Wurst for his in making the Christmas event a big success. He especially thanked Valerie Cupps for putting so much time and effort into the event.

Lloyd moved

“to enter into an agreement with Ben Avon Heights Borough for “One Call” administrative services with terms set forth in the contract.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

“To enter into an agreement with Ben Avon Heights Borough for snow removal and salting for the 2011/2012 season. Terms set forth in the contract.”

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Lloyd stated that this has been done for the past few years and believes it is a good process.

Lloyd stated that Council has been working on the contract for the Department of Public Works and they now have a shake of hands three (3) year contract agreed upon. He thanked everyone for their diligent work on it.

PROPERTY:

NO REPORT

Councilman Dan Sefick thanked Council and the office staff for their work throughout the years. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Repp thanked him for the work they did together over the years.

Donnelly thanked him for his work on the projects she worked on with him. Sefick noted that they have done a lot over the years and he enjoyed working with everyone.

HEALTH:

NO REPORT

CORP/PLANNING:

NO REPORT

Bernstein stated that anyone wanting to specify whether they want their e-mail address on the website should let him know. Those present who want their email on the website are: Cortese, Donnelly, Haslett, Lloyd, Narcisi and Repp.

INTERBORO:

Donnelly moved

“to accept the Minutes of the Library Preservation Board.”

Sefick 2nd

CARRIED

Donnelly moved

“to appoint Richard McDonald to the Library Preservation Board.

Cortese 2nd

**CARRIED
(DIXON ABSTAINED)**

PARKS:

Cortese stated that there will be a meeting to discuss the spaghetti dinner fund raiser on January 26, 2012 and they are looking for volunteers. The fund raiser is for the Avalon Swimming Pool.

LIBRARY:

NO REPORT

4th of July

NO REPORT

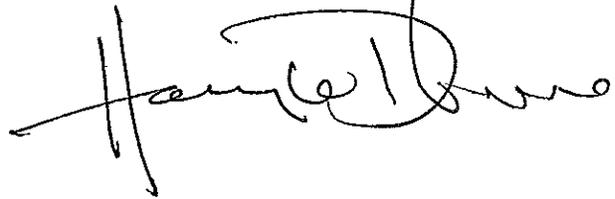
Cortese moved

“to adjourn this meeting until December 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for a clean up meeting.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

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Harry W. Dilmore

**CONTINUED MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2011
DECEMBER 29, 2011**

Approved

This is a reconvening of the December 20, 2011 Regular Council Meeting. Council President, Ed Repp, called the meeting to order. The purpose of this meeting is to clean – up the 2011 year end business

Repp asked if it will be necessary to have a roll call for this meeting and Dilmore stated that he would make a note that Sefick is absent.

Repp thanked Mr. Powell for his long/short term on Council and presented him with a Certificate of Performance.

Lloyd moved

“to pay the List of Bills.”

Donnelly 2nd

Powell stated that the Borough is will have to find new and creative ways to manage the Borough. The Borough is in a difficult situation and until the debt gets paid down, they are going to have financial problems. He doesn't know how this can be done without putting more pressure on the taxpayers. The debt ceiling is too high but the expenses continue to grow.

His advice to Council is “if you don't got it, don't spend it.

Repp called for a vote and Lloyd's motion was...

CARRIED

Lloyd moved

“to accept the Avalon/Kilbuck Administrative Agreement.”

Bernstein 2nd

Repp stated that this agreement is good for both communities and Lloyd pointed out that this agreement is a sharing of services.

Repp called for a vote and the motion was...

CARRIED

Repp asked if anyone has anything they want to bring to the floor and Powell pointed out that he has enjoyed working on Council because they are more concerned with serving the citizens of the Borough and not the politics of running it.

Repp thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year, including Harry, Lorraine and Judy.

Cortese moved to adjourn.

Donnelly 2nd

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry W. Dilmore", written in a cursive style.

Harry W. Dilmore